

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE**

March 12, 2014

IAC Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Trevor Yager, Chair

Minutes

Members present: none

Members via teleconference: Jon Ford, Pam Hicks, Nancy Stewart, Trevor Yager

Members absent: Susan Hardwick

IAC staff present: Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin, Lewis Ricci, Rex Van Zant

Note: Due to lack of quorum, no actions were taken during this meeting.

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** IAC Commissioner Trevor Yager called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Approval of Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes.** No action was taken. The minutes from the December 3, 2013 meeting of the Executive Committee will be presented for approval at a special meeting of the committee prior to the start of the Quarterly Business Meeting on March 21.

3. **Financials.** IAC Deputy Director Michelle Anderson presented a handout (attached) showing the FY 2014 budget, current through February 28, 2014.

4. **Executive Director Review.** Mr. Yager reported that the annual performance review for Mr. Ricci will be conducted while the Commission and staff are in Vincennes on March 20 -21 for the Quarterly Business Meeting.

5. **Staffing Issues.** IAC Executive Director Lewis Ricci announced that applications are now being screened for the position of summer intern. Ms. Anderson announced that a practicum student (college undergraduate) will also be hired during the period of Communications Manager Emily Hellmuth's upcoming maternity leave.

6. **Planning Items.**

A. Mr. Ricci reported that he and Mr. Yager recently met with the Indiana Bicentennial Commission and presented several ideas for the IAC's involvement with the celebration. Proposals included: 1) branding certain arts project grants for 2015-2017 as "bicentennial" grants; 2) branding the 2015 Governor's Arts Awards as the "Bicentennial Governor's Arts Awards"; 3) a collaboration with the Department of

Natural Resources to bring “art to the parks”; 4) creating a grant category for “Indiana Masterpieces” during the Bicentennial celebration. Mr. Ricci will prepare a document for each proposal, to be presented at the next meeting of the Bicentennial Commission in April, when there will be a vote to approve or disapprove each one.

B. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) which outlines possible future areas of concentration for the Arts Commission when the current Strategic Plan expires in 2016. The document will be presented for discussion at the next meeting of the full Commission on March 21 in Vincennes.

C. Mr. Ricci reported on plans to review the IAC’s fiscal, manpower and time resources for possible re-alignment with the demands of the Strategic Plan. He asked that the Executive Committee be charged with responsibility for conducting the review during the upcoming spring months. Ms. Anderson is compiling data for the study, in the areas of grants, other programs such as Capacity Building and Governor’s Arts Awards, administrative expenses, and personnel and benefits. She will prepare a series of graphs to assist the review process.

**7. Rebranding First View.** Mr. Ricci reported on progress made in the “rebranding” effort for the Arts Commission, as a result of relinquishing its “Imagine That” slogan to the Hoosier Lottery. IAC staff recently met with representatives of the MSK agency, which is handling the effort. A slide presentation will be shown at the March 21 Quarterly Business Meeting.

#### **8. Other Items of Note.**

A. Work is in progress for a third Economic Development Symposium, sponsored by the IAC in collaboration with Ball State University and the states of Michigan and Illinois. The symposium will be located in northern Indiana

B. Plans are being finalized for a spring Entrepreneurial Tools for Individual Artists Seminar, in collaboration with the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Kelly School of Business, Jacobs School of Music and School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Hosting facilities will be the Indiana State Museum, the Eiteljorg Museum of Indiana and Western Art, and the Herron School of Art.

C. A summertime symposium is being planned which will focus on Staff and Board relations, in collaboration with Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis and the School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

D. All of the approved Community Economic Development Consultancies have begun, with the community groups meeting with their designated consultants.

E. Summer unveilings are being planned in each of the designated Cultural Districts for the donated sculptures of William Galloway, who created the limestone awards for the 2013 Governor’s Arts Awards.

9. **Other Items of Concern for Quarterly Business Meeting.** Mr. Ricci remarked that there will be in-depth discussions about the Visioning Statement, and the re-branding proposals. There will also be a discussion about the June 2014 election of officers.

10. **Old Business/New Business.** There was no old business. There was no new business.

11. **Adjourn.** Mr. Yager thanked everyone for their participation, and closed the meeting at 11:00 a.m.